



February 23, 2020

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World*

"Lord, let me see again..."

Luke 18:42

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Dr. Joyce Emery
Parish Associates	Dr. Nancy Fox, Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Music	Dr. Michael Denham (<i>Director</i>), Todd Fickley (<i>Organist</i>) Joanna Zorack-Greene (<i>Contemporary Music Leader</i>)
Ministry Directors	J. Theodore Anderson (<i>Library, Archives, & Older Adults</i>) Kristin Franke (<i>Youth</i>), Cate McCrory (<i>Children</i>) Leslie Saum (<i>Connections</i>), John Marienau Turpin (<i>Serve</i>)

TODAY AT NATIONAL

Grief Support Group

1:00–2:30 p.m., Youth House

Do you need help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend? *GriefShare* is a seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Mary Romano and Dr. Joyce Emery will host for 9 weeks on Sundays and one Saturday retreat. There is still time to join. Enter through the front door. *Contact Liz Martin to register: Lmartin@nationalpres.org.*

5th Grade Milestone

Today, at 9:00 a.m., our 5th grade Sunday School class will lead the confession of sin as their "Milestone in Worship Education." Milestones teach our K-5th graders about our Reformed liturgy, preparing them to become lifelong worshippers and affirming their important place in our worshipping community.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

Adults

- **"Following Jesus" Together**
10:00–10:45 a.m., Stone Hall
- **"Following Jesus:"**
A Call to Discipleship
9:30–10:45 a.m., Chapel
- **Lenten Small Group**
(Today through April 5)
12:15 p.m., Church Room 105

Youth 9:30–10:45 a.m.

Gather 9:30–9:40 in the Multipurpose Building

- Grade 6: *Multipurpose Room*
- Grade 7: *Youth House Basement*
- Grade 8: *Multipurpose Building Basement*
- Grades 9/10: *Youth House Main Room*
- Grades 11/12: *Youth House Game Room*

Children 9:30–10:45 a.m.

- Age 2-5th grade: Children may come directly from the 9 a.m. service or be dropped off at the school building. Pick up children in the school building.

New Member Connections

Join in welcoming our newest members into the NPC church family at a reception in Elson Parlor at 10:00 a.m. or down in Stone Hall after 11:00 a.m. worship!

- Brian Adams, *Bethesda, MD*
- Claire Adams, *Bethesda, MD**
- Nasim Ahmed, *Silver Spring, MD**
- Shirin Ahmed, *Hyattsville, MD*
- Stephen Andrews, *Hyattsville, MD*
- Lee Bettis, *Montpelier, VA*
- Eleanor Derstine, *Chevy Chase, MD*
- Paul Derstine, *Chevy Chase, MD*
- Matt Gray, *Washington, DC*
- Ndeye Jackson, *Washington, DC*
- Joanne Lin, *Washington, DC*
- Jake Puryear, *Washington, DC*
- Laura Puryear, *Washington, DC*
- Ken Rathje, *Washington, DC*
- Steve Rohrbaugh, *Washington, DC*
- Tiffany Rohrbaugh, *Washington, DC*
- Joe Wheatley, *Chevy Chase, MD*
- Kara Wheatley, *Chevy Chase, MD*

Interested in membership at National? Contact *Kemet Rakiatu, KRakiatu@nationalpres.org*

**Baptism*

Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Church Rooms 16, and 7/8

"Across the Aisle"

Young Professionals

12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

Young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

"Roaring 20s" Small Group

12:15 p.m., Agencies Building Room 102

Early- to mid-twenties young adults are invited for lunch, conversation, and Bible study.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Gerri Hall in loving memory of Louise McKenzie, founder of NPC's Flower Ministry, with gratitude for the dedicated service of its past and present members, including the new apprentices who made today's arrangement.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Variations on "Amazing Grace"
(from *An American Suite for Organ*)

David P. Dahl
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

5th Grade Milestone

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone the things we ought to have done, and have done the things we ought not to have done. But you, Lord, are rich in mercy. According to your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, spare us when we confess our faults, and restore us when we are penitent. And grant, most merciful Father, for his sake, that we would always live a godly, righteous, and faithful life; to the glory of your holy name.

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer, 1928

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 5*

Apostles' Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Open My Eyes *see p. 5 for text*

Gilbert M. Martin

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 5*

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:35-43

Elder Donna Duss

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

Following Jesus: Blind Faith?

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 19:1-10

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 280 *verses 1, 3 & 5* Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace!

Craig Phillips

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 416, verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION & BAPTISM

Dr. David Renwick

Exchange of Vows

Prayer

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family. May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them. Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging. Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives. We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:35-43

Ed Blanton

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace

I sought the Lord, but afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found by thee.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Rev. Donna Marsh

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Open My Eyes

Gilbert M. Martin

Open my eyes that I may glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
*Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine!*

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
*Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see;
open my ears, illumine me, Spirit Divine!*

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
*Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see;
open my heart, illumine me, Spirit Divine! Amen.*

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▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 280 *verses 1, 3 & 5* Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

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▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace!

Craig Phillips

Jones Hall (School Gym)

▲ WELCOME SONG	Close to Thee	Fanny Jane Crosby
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Dr. Quinn Fox
CALL TO WORSHIP		
▲ SONGS OF PRAISE	Salt and Light	John and Jan L'Ecuyer
	Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone	Chris Tomlin

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE In Christ Alone Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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SERMON	Following Jesus: Blind Faith? Luke 19:1-10	Dr. David Renwick

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CLOSING SONG *offering received* Trust in You Lauren Daigle

UPCOMING EVENTS

We Want to Hear from You Today!

Take the mission survey before it closes on February 29! We're eager to learn how mission fits into your life, and if we can make it easier-- all for the sake of bringing the light and love of Jesus to our city and our world! *Visit this ***case-sensitive*** link to fill out a survey: bit.ly/ServeSurvey.*

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

All are invited to join us for evening worship. As we reflect on our faith together, we will also share in communion and those who choose may receive the mark of the cross on their foreheads with ashes.

Lenten Vespers Worship

Wednesdays in Lent

Refreshments & fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

Worship: 7:00 p.m., Chapel

One of our pastors will preach and Communion will be served. Before services, share in light refreshments with friends and members of the church, and prepare your heart for worship.

Volunteer Opportunity: Reading Program

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

830 Hilltop Terrace, SE D.C.

Join a team from National to help kids excel in reading with Little Lights' Reading Warriors program at their new Hilltop Center in the Benning Terrace neighborhood. *Contact Nancy Chapman, nancy@nchapman.com.*

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, March 16, Noon, Stone Hall

Dr. E. Quinn Fox will speak on the topic of "How to Spell Presbyterian: Who we are, What We Believe and Why." It will be a time to expand our "church knowledge." *Sign up in Stone Hall or call 202-537-0800 for reservations. (Deadline for lunch reservations is March 12.)*

Women's Conference: Pulling Together

Friday, March 27–Saturday, March 28

Join us on Friday night for dinner in local homes, followed by a Saturday conference in Stone Hall with speaker Rev. Barbara Heck, senior pastor at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church in Alexandria. Childcare will be available.

See bit.ly/pullingtogethernpc to sign up online or visit Stone Hall beginning March 1.

Youth and Children's Summer Internships

Applications are now open to serve at National this summer with our youth and children's ministries. *Learn more at nationalpres.org/jobs.*

NPC Online: Your Congregational Directory

Did you know you can find members and friends of the church on a password-protected congregational directory? Visit nationalpres.ccbchurch.com, and click "request access" to log in. You can...

- **Search for members and friends** by first or last names.
- **Edit your own information** by adding a photo or adjusting privacy settings.
- **Access your giving info** to view or edit details related to your financial support.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading for
Feb. 24 - Mar. 1, 2020

Luke 20:1-44

Questions for Reflection

- In vss. 1-8, why did Jesus answer their question by asking them another? Was he treating their enquiry seriously?
- How does the parable of the tenants explain what was happening in Jesus' coming to Jerusalem?
- In vs. 17 Jesus quotes from Psalm 118:22, about the rejected stone becoming the cornerstone. How does this clarify the point of Jesus' parable?
- (Vss. 21-26) Why was Jesus' question, and reply, so effective? What does it mean for you to give to "Caesar" (the government), and to God? Whose image do you bear?
- How did Jesus address the Pharisees' objections and answer their question?

*A weekly reading guide
is available at
nationalpres.org/adults*

We are so glad you are here today.

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Please pick up a welcome gift at one of the entrances to the church. Our prayer is that you will find a spiritual home here—a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced as we gather in community to worship God. If you are a college student, welcome! We would love to be your church home.

The Pew Crew, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer any questions. Head to the Parlor after the 9 a.m. service, or come downstairs to Stone Hall after the 11 a.m. services, to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

Young Worshipers | Pick up a "Worshiper in Training" bag outside the Sanctuary for fun things to help children engage in worship. Please return the bags after the service.

Prayers after worship | A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be available to pray with you about your concerns and celebrations.

Accessible worship | Assisted listening receivers and large print bulletins and hymnals are available at the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

Pick up a bud vase | Flowers are available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are visiting someone who is ill or home-bound.

In order to share God's word with the world, our services are video recorded and broadcast online. If you do not wish to appear on camera, seating is available in the balcony and back five pews of the Sanctuary.

PRAYERS

We pray for:

New Members of NPC (*see page 2 for names*).

We pray for our mission partners, including:
McGilvary College of Divinity, a PC(USA)
seminary in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Please submit prayer requests to:

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